

**City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle**  
**Public Hearing at Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle**  
**Thursday – March 31, 2011 – 6 p.m.**

**Present:**

Council President William Barthel  
Councilperson John Cochran

Councilperson John Gaworski  
Councilperson Ted Megginson

**Absent:**

Councilperson Teel Petty

**Also present:** Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, Finance Director Marian Delaney, Police M/Cpl. Richard McCabe, City Solicitor Daniel Losco

Consideration of Ordinance No. 481, adding a new section to the New Castle City Code regulating the operation of pedicabs.

President Barthel said the public hearing is regarding Ordinance No. 481 relating to pedicabs. Mr. Ryne Daniels presented a proposal to operate pedicabs in the City at a prior City Council meeting.

Administrator Thomas gave some brief background on the proposed ordinance which the City Solicitor put together. There is one issue Mr. Daniels brought up regarding the proposed ordinance. The issue relates to the levels of required insurance. She forwarded the information to Solicitor Losco and the City's insurance representative. Council needs to consider what are reasonable limits to protect the City.

Solicitor Losco presented information on indemnity agreements and potential risks to the City. He strongly urged the City Council, if it wishes to reduce the insurance from a proposed \$1 million per incident/\$2 million in aggregate, not to go below \$500,000 per incident. He said the proposed \$1 million per incident/\$2 million aggregate is common.

Mr. Megginson said he agreed with Mr. Losco and to stay with numbers he recommends.

Mr. Cochran added that the amount is normal for businesses today, and even on the low side. Many larger companies are up to \$3 million.

Mr. Gaworski concurred.

Mr. Barthel said it is agreed it will be kept at \$1 million/\$2 million.

Councilperson Megginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson  
New Castle City Clerk